

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the instant claims are allowable over the prior art of record, because the prior art is silent to an alert method relating to a remaining fuel amount of a fuel cell system, communication information related to the remaining fuel amount when fuel of the fuel cell system is consumed to an information terminal of a user located at a point away from a moving body that the fuel cell system is disposed on, when the fuel cell system is switched to a stopped state, wherein communicating information related to the remaining fuel amount further comprises at least generating an alert for the user when fuel of the fuel cell system is consumed and the remaining fuel amount falls to alert generating level, and the alert is sent to an information terminal of the user using wireless communication.

The prior art, such as Redmond U.S. Pub. 2007/0259220, teaches a wireless output signal to a server receiving wireless connections in a fuel cell system. However, Redmond fails to disclose or render obvious switching from an operation state of the fuel cell system to a stopped state and detecting that the fuel system is switched to a stopped state. Therefore, the instant claims are patentably distinct from the prior art.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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